

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 7, and 18 are cancelled and claims 2, 4-6 and 8-17 are amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated May 19, 2005.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 2, 4-6 and 8-17 and asserted that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten these claims into independent form. Please see the listing of claims on page 2 of this paper. In view of this, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2, 4-6 and 8-17, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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